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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BELIZE AIRWAYS LTD PERMIT - RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS

1. ON JUNE 21 THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD RECOMMENDED
THAT THE PRESIDENT APPROVE A TWO-YEAR OPERATING PERMIT
FOR BELIZE AIRWAYS (BAL). ALSO, IN THE COURSE OF THE RECENT
US-UK RENEGOTIATION OF THE BILATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT,
THE US DELEGATION AGREED THAT USG WILL USE ITS BEST EFFORTS
TO ENSURE THAT THE NECESSARY OPERATING AUTHORIZATION IS
ISSUED TO BAL.

2. IN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED JULY 11, THE GUATEMALAN
EMBASSY/WASHINGTON EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN SHOULD "...AUTHORI-
ZATION BE GRANTED TO BAL SINCE, IN THE PRESENT STAGE OF
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA AND THE
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GOVERNMENT OF GREAT BRITAIN, SUCH AN EVENT WOULD GREATLY
IMPEDE THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE DISCUSSIONS HELD RECENTLY
IN THIS CITY (WASHINGTON), WHICH DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE
IN THE NEAR FUTURE..." IN VIEW OF ABOVE GUATEMALAN
POSITION AND THE SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE UK-GUATEMALA
DISCUSSIONS RECENTLY CONCLUDED IN GUATEMALA, DEPARTMENT
HAD RECOMMENDED A TEMPORARY DELAY WITH REGARD TO ANY

PRESIDENTIAL ACTION CONCERNING THE PERMIT. HOWEVER,

NOW THAT THE UK-GUATEMALAN TALKS HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY EASED TENSIONS, AND IN VIEW OF ABOVE US COMMITMENT TO BRITISH, DEPARTMENT HAS RECOMMENDED THAT PRESIDENT APPROVE BAL'S PERMIT.

3. DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO SPECULATE WITH REGARD TO EITHER OUTCOME OF BAL PERMIT DECISION OR LENGTH OF TIME BEFORE PRESIDENTIAL ACTION IS TAKEN IN THIS CASE. HOWEVER, SEVERAL WEEKS ARE REQUIRED TO PROCESS MOST PERMIT APPLICATIONS ONCE A CAB RECOMMENDATION REACHES THE WHITE HOUSE. DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM POSTS IMMEDIATELY ONCE PRESIDENTIAL DECISION IS REACHED.

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